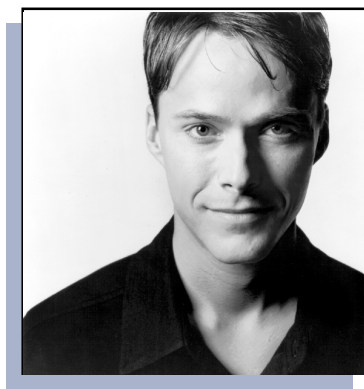




Patti Page



Bryan White



Gloria Loring

34th Annual Guest Artist Series Continues

What a great beginning we have had to what is proving to be the best Guest Artist Series ever! Powerhouse performer Chaka Khan opened our 2000 series to a packed house, and the audience went wild! She set the tone for the rest of the month, as Sunday afternoons were filled with amazing talent onstage at DAR Constitution Hall.

Continuing the momentum of the February concerts, we continue in March with the three final concerts of the series. On March 5, 2000, Grammy Award-winner Patti Page will join The USAF Band to present a concert of some of her classic hits. Country star Bryan White will appear on March 19, along with Nathan Lassell, the winner of the 2000 USAF Band Colonel George S. Howard Young Artist Competition. Our series will close on March 26, as singer/actress Gloria Loring comes to Washington to entertain the crowd.

Please come out to experience the excitement of a Sunday afternoon with The USAF Band during the Guest Artist Series. Concerts begin at 3 p.m., with doors opening at 2 p.m. Please remember that seats are available on a **first-come, first-served basis**. So arrive early for the best seats, and enjoy this free series, brought to you as a public service by the United States Air Force.



Silver Wings

Silver Wings would like to give a big "HOWDY" to all of our fans who have been anxiously awaiting our upcoming recording. We have been hard at work stirring the creative soup in our brains to bring to you the best country music CD on the planet! We completed the recording process at the end of February, and we are hoping for a release date late in the summer. Request it at your local library.

While Silver Wings has been busy recording, Barnstormers (which includes three members of Silver Wings: CMSgt Jim Queen, MSgt Chris Kosky and TSgt Travis Humphrey), has been busy performing at a variety of functions. Chief Queen utilized his language proficiency by singing a song in Turkish for General Joseph Ralston, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and his Turkish guests. Barnstormers had the pleasure of playing at two farewell dinners, that General Ralston also attended. Chief Queen performed a humorous

original composition that had everyone laughing in the aisles. It was called *The Ballad of General Ralston*.

SMSgt Chip Clemmer and TSgts Travis Humphrey and Marie Mindnich are all hard at work attending their respective military education academies. We wish them the best as they propel their careers forward, and become the best noncommissioned officers they can be.

By the way, I am TSgt Matthew Ascione, and I am the new Public Affairs representative for Silver Wings. I am taking over the reigns from TSgt Mindnich, and am proud to follow such a hard worker. Kudos to her for the great job she has done for The Band!

These are exciting times for Silver Wings, and we look forward to bringing you our special brand of country soul!

-TSgt Matthew Ascione